GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:413
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
EXPORT OF FILMS BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA, France and Japan intend to export their films to India in a large scale so as to develop better relations in the film industry;

(b) if so, whether there is any such proposal under consideration of the Government to allow the film industries of these countries to export their films to India on reciprocal basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b) & (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 413 FOR ANS ON 10.4.2003.

(a), (b) & (c) The Import policy for cinematograph films in India freely permitsimport of foreign films from all countries into India so long as the imports are in conformity with all applicable Indian laws governing the distribution and exhibition of films including the requirement of obtaining a certificate for public exhibition prescribed under the Cinematograph Act of 1952. Import of unauthorized/pirated films is prohibited.

Similarly, export of films from India is freely allowed. Decisions on normal import/exports are taken on commercial considerations by the film trade and not by Government.